

August 27, 2008 ADRC-TAE Newsletter

**A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability Resource
Center
Grantees and their Partners**

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2008 ADRC National Meeting

General registration for the 2008 ADRC National Meeting in Boston is now OPEN for any interested participant!

[Register now](#) or access the online registration page at www.regonline.com/ADRCBoston

Please see the [2008 National Meeting Page on the ADRC TAE website for further information.](#)

To arrange hotel accommodations, contact the Westin Boston Waterfront on their toll-free reservation number, 1-888-627-7115 or 1-800-WESTIN-1.

Ask for the room block for the ADRC National Meeting OR the U.S. Administration on Aging Meeting.

You may also visit the [hotel's website](#) to view features and amenities.

The "cut-off" date for accepting reservations into the discounted room block is September 1, 2008.

Reservation requests received after 5:00 p.m. local time on the cut-off date will be accepted at the hotel's prevailing rate, based on room type availability.

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This Week's Event: Multi-Agency Peer Workgroup

Using IT and Telecommunications to Link Partners

- **Date:** August 28th, 2008
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- **Toll-Free Number:** 1-888-844-7278
- **Access Code for Phone:** 2695542#
- **Webinar ID:** 657-280-450
- [Register in advance for the webinar](#). (Recommended)
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

On this Multi-Agency Peer Workgroup Call, Martha Ramirez and Carol Zernial from the Alamo Service Network (San Antonio's ADRC) will discuss how they are using web and telecommunications technology to link their partnering operating organizations into a more cohesive network. Please join us!

ADRC-TAE Website Updates and Additions

New Web Resources

[Illinois Aging and Disability Cross](#)

[Training Materials](#): Illinois received a one year planning grant which was split equally between AgeOptions and Progress Center for Independent Living. The training resources they developed are now available, including a Tip Sheet for working with different consumer populations and PowerPoint presentations about the two organizations.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

September 4th Monthly Grantee Call

- **Topic:** ADRC 5th Year Anniversary: Looking Back and Moving Forward
- **Date:** September 4, 2008
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- **Toll-Free Number:** 1-888-844-7278
- **Access Code for Phone:** 2695542#
- **Webinar ID:** We will not be using a Go To Meeting Webinar on this call.
- Please check the [call page](#) for upcoming details and

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accompanying resources.

In September, the federal ADRC initiative reaches its five-year mark. Join other grantees on this special monthly call to reflect on the last five years, talk about your plans for the future and current priorities, and provide input on the future of the ADRC Technical Assistance Exchange. This call will be an opportunity to network, hear from peers, and have an open discussion - and we hope you will help us set the agenda. Let us know if you have specific questions that we can answer or topics of discussion you'd like us to add to the agenda by sending an email to adrc-tae@lewin.com. In advance of the call, we encourage you to think about

- The difference the ADRC program has made in your state or community and
- Your program's accomplishments that you might like to share.

In any case, we hope you dial in and make it a lively discussion.

SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant Changes

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Mental Health Block Grants](#) are now required to address older adults with mental illnesses. Application guidance and instructions for FY 2009-2011 set out criteria for the block grants, including one that describes how community-based services are provided to older adults.

Your state now has the opportunity to learn about these plans in and make appropriate suggestions on the adequacy of how older adults' needs are addressed.

State plans are due Sept. 2. Additional information is available on the [SAMHSA Web site](#).

Affordable Housing Financing and Subsidies: Resources for Programs Serving Workers with Disabilities

The first in a series on housing issues, [this brief](#) from The Center for Workers with Disabilities provides an overview of many federal and state housing financing programs that can be used to support low income workers with disabilities. The brief also summarizes the related nature of housing and employment services and the impacts of the current housing market on employees with

disabilities.